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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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Applicant(s) hereby petition for a one-month extension(s) of time to respond to the aforementioned Office Action.

Please charge the required fees, or any additional fees required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. KLA1P118).

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 8, 2004, a response to which was due September 8, 2004 please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.